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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 13), please
 consider the following remarks and amendments for entry:

IN THE CLAIMS:**Please amend claims 1, 9, 16-20 and 22 as follows:**

1. **(Amended)** A sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which
 is easy to operate, handle and transport comprising a mini sterilisation apparatus, said mini
 sterilisation apparatus comprising a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler
 having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer
 wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam
 generated therefrom, wherein the double-walled sterilisation boiler comprises an inner boiler
 ha[s]ving a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

9. **(Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said sealing screw is
 operated by means of an electromotor of which the operating phases are operated by said
 process computer.